

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of May 27, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Jim Wilson, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Libby Hambleton, Thomas McCarney, and Richard Sutor. Also present were Village Manager Nanci Allard and Kathleen Lott (*Northfield News & Transcript*).

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **May 13, 2008 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

b. **Approval of Bills**

1. **Warrant #24-08.** Motion by Trustee McCarney, seconded by Trustee Sutor, to approve Warrant #24-08 in the amount of \$24,895.96. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
2. **DRAFT Parking Ordinance (Union Street and Water Street).** Trustee McCarney was concerned about limiting parking on both sides of Union Street from Pleasant Street to Cross Street. Trustee Baraw stated that this is a regular parking place, not temporary parking for fishing, etc. Trustee McCarney would like to look at this because of visibility concerns. Trustee Sutor was concerned about the parking on Water Street to the Union Street intersection and possible pollution into the river. The Board's primary issue is the overnight parking, not so much the temporary parking. Trustee McCarney is concerned about putting an ordinance in place that would discriminate against residents of a particular building. Trustees Hambleton and McCarney stated that the property owners are troubled by the same issues as the Board. There will be a site visit on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 starting at 6:15 p.m. at the northeast intersection of Water Street and Wall Street.

- c. **Approval of Water and Sewer Rates.** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to approve the new rates as proposed effective the July 2008 billing. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- d. **Clock Agreement.** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to authorize Manager Allard to sign the clock agreement as presented. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **REPORTS**

a. **Village Manager**

1. **Memorial Day Parade:** Many thanks to the folks who coordinated the Memorial Day Parade and commemoration on the Village Common.
2. **Farmers' Market.** The Farmers' Market started last week. It will be held on the Village Common each Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. **Water Project.** All is going well and the work is on schedule.

4. **New Police Station.** There is a small snag in the process. When the Town purchased the area, it actually purchased two small lots; reconsolidation of the lots would require an Act 250 Permit. This could delay the project but we hope to avoid that.
 5. **Computer Servers.** The computer servers are quite loud and we are exploring ways to muffle the sound. Manager Allard has looked into either purchasing cabinets to house the servers or having a wall built to block the sound. Trustee McCarney doesn't want to spend more than \$1000 on a new wall, etc. in the existing building if we intend to make modifications to the current municipal building in the near future as supported by the manager.
 6. **King Street Substation upgrade.** The upgrade went well and the power outage was about forty (40) minutes.
 7. **Municipal Pool.** There is a leak in the skimmers. However, we anticipate that the pool will open on schedule on June 21, 2008.
- b. **Committee Reports**
1. **The Merger Committee.** The Committee will meet next Monday night (06/02/08) at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- c. **Miscellaneous**
1. **Village Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2008.** Australian Balloting will be held in the Northfield High School Lobby from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Open Session will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Northfield High School's Mary Granai Corrigan Auditorium.
 2. **Efficiency Vermont Project update.** There is nothing new to report.
 3. **VPIRG & Vermont Yankee.** There was a discussion regarding information being provided door-to-door by the Vermont Public Interest Group (VPIRG). They are looking to gain support for renewable energy if Vermont Yankee is shut down. Vermont Yankee is up for renewal in 2012. Many of the renewable energy sources (wind farms and wood chip burning plants) are only in discussion stages.

V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled): None.**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Hambleton, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.